Vacancies of Headmasters.

341. **MR. D. C. JOSEPH** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire and state how many Headmasters' places are still (12-7-1929) vacant?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Seven.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state why these vacancies are left unfilled for such a long time?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For various reasons. The Director of Public Instruction has explained the matter in detail.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know what are the reasons?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Director of Public Instruction has explained the other day the various grounds—selection of men, etc.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Am I to understand that I should go back to the explanation given?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The member was here when the Director spoke. That was why I referred to the speech.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): Do the Government think that the schools can go on without filling up these places?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are men in charge of the schools.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): May I know why these vacancies are kept unfilled?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For the present they are filled by teachers.

MR. D. C. JOSEPH (*Agastisvaram*): What are the special reasons for which these vacancies are kept unfilled?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Director wanted to consider the claims of various persons whom he would consider fit for promotion.

Detection of Forest offences.

342. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Referring to the statement in paragraph 7 of Government Order R. Dis. No. 1016/29/Development, dated the 14th June 1929, "As compared with 1102 there has been an increase in the number of cases especially or those relating to (i) clearing of land, (ii) illicit collection, possession or removal of timber or of minor produce in the reserved forests and (iii) counterfeiting or defacing marks on trees and altering boundary marks. Government feel that if the departmental officers pay greater attention to the detections and prosecutions of such offences there will be considerable deterioration in the commission of forest offences",

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